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Free Talk

My throat cannot speak -> my throat hurts, I cannot speak

Hair loss 掉发

Bald 秃头

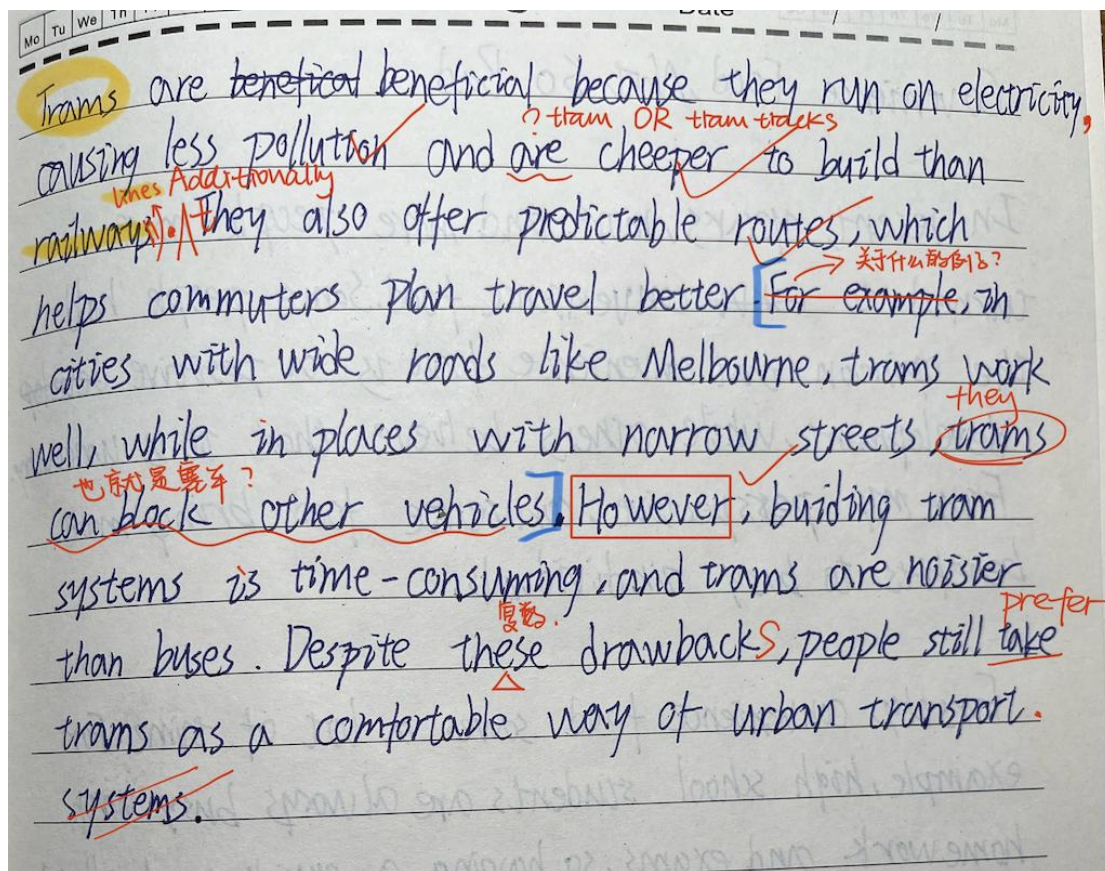
Herbal tea 凉茶

*but it is not cool! The reason why it is called “凉茶” is because it “cools down” the “heat” on your body. (降火)

Tibetan fox 藏狐

Homework Analysis - Writing

Summary



1 → Trams are beneficial because they run on electricity causing less pollution and are cheaper to build than railways. → Trams are beneficial because they run on electricity, causing less pollution, and tram tracks are cheaper to build than railway lines.

语法:

*原句的完整结构是什么?

Because they run on electricity, which causes less pollution. → Because they run on electricity, causing less pollution. (这是省略 which 的结构)

*这句话的前后主语是一致的吗 → 不一致! 一个是 tram, 一个是 tram track

2 → 第一个有点和第二个有点之间需要连接词. → Additionally, they

also offer predictable routes,

回顾：表示递进的连接词

moreover (而且)

furthermore (此外)

additionally (另外)

in addition (此外)

besides (此外)

Also (少用)

3 → 第四行的 example 是对什么的例子?

逻辑: 在墨尔本这样的大城市 -> tram works well, 但是在相对窄的街道 -> 交通堵塞 -> tram 的缺点

4 → block other vehicles → traffic congestion/traffic jam

塞车

5 → Despite these drawback, people still take trams as a comfortable way of urban transport system. → Despite **these** drawbacks, people still take tram as a comfortable way of urban transport.

These -> 复述; drawback -> drawbacks

[transport]

N-UNCOUNT - Transport refers to any vehicle that you can travel in or carry goods in. 交通工具 !! 而不是交通系统!! 人们搭的是交通工具, 而不是系统

IGCSE ESL Writing

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Date ____/____/____

Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su

Convenience Food, Not So Bad *spoken English*

In recent years, more and more people have turned to ~~conv~~ convenience food. Some people hold the opinion that convenience food is a positive development, while others believe that it is unhealthy. From my perspective, convenience food brings more benefits to busy individuals.

Firstly, convenience food saves a lot of time. For example, high school students are always busy with homework and exams, so having a quick meal allows ^{them} the to concentrate on their studies without worrying about cooking food.

Secondly, with improved cooking technology, convenience food has become much healthier than before. People can choose various convenient foods according to their own taste, ^{which are} just as nutritious as cooking food.

In conclusion, although convenience food comes with too much plastic, its advantages outweigh the disadvantages, particularly in terms of saving time.

Annotations:
→ 作为分析
what does it mean??
homemade meals?
Have you mentioned it before??
... 最好提一下前
论述的内容

Title

1 → Not So Bad → The Benefits of Convenience Food

Not So Bad 非常非常口语

好的 -> benefit / advantage / positive aspect ...

坏的 -> drawback / disadvantage / negative aspect ...

Introduction

好棒! 表扬!

Body Paragraph 1

1 → So, having a quick meal allows the to concentrate on their studies....

→ “them”!!

粗心! 太粗心了!

2 → cooking food → cooking

cooking 本身已经表达 “做饭” 了

在英语语境中, cooking就默认是烹饪食物, 所以不需要加 “food”

Body Paragraph 2

1 → Secondly, with improved technology, convenience food has become much healthier than before. → Secondly, convenience food has become much healthier than before. With the improved technology, ...

“科技进步” 是对主论点的原因或背景说明, 而不是主论点本身
一起改一下吧:

Secondly, convenience food has become much healthier than before. With the improved technology, food producers keep the original flavor of convenience food while reducing fat, sugar, and artificial additives, which helps retain more nutrients.

2 → just as nutritious as cooking food. → ... which are just nutritious as homemade food/freshly prepared food/home-cooked meals.

定语从句不完整 (少了which are)

Cooking food (可以理解Forrest的意思, 是 “自己做的/家里做的” 饭吗?)

用 “cooking food” 让人觉得在表达 “做食物” 这个动作

但这里不是在比较“动作”和“营养”，而是要比较两类食物

Conclusion

1 → Although convenience food comes with too much plastic... → In conclusion, although convenience food may have some disadvantages...

原句：内容跳脱、与段落逻辑不一致，如果不是文章重点，提了反而会分散主线

方法：不要提及具体的缺点

结尾段一起改进一下吧：

In conclusion, although convenience food comes with its drawbacks (因为文章没有论述 drawbacks，所以不用具体写是什么 drawbacks), its advantages outweigh its disadvantages, especially in saving time and offering nutrition (这两词可以重申一下自己的论点).

New Writing Task - In-class Practising

In your English class, you have had a discussion about the way that using technology can affect your social life.

Here are some comments from students in your class:

My sister spends far too much time chatting with friends on the phone!

It's easy to connect with other people – wherever they live.

I can easily find out what's on and where parties are.

I've got lots of 'friends' on social media – but they're not real friends.

Write an article for your school magazine, giving your views.

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you should try to use some ideas of your own.

Your article should be between 100 and 150 words long.

You will receive up to 7 marks for the content of your article, and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

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Introduction:

背景

Technology has changed the way we live and communicate.

大家的观点（包含两方面才会有辩论）

Some people think that it creates problems, while others believe that it can ~~keep us connecting~~ (→ help us stay connected) with people.

你的观点

In my opinion, technology can positively affect our social life.

Body Paragraph 1:

Firstly, it is easier for people to connect/keep in touch with others ~~with~~ (→ through) technology.

Body Paragraph 2:

Second, technology provides us/people with quicker access to information about social events.

Conclusion:

In conclusion/In summary/To summarize/To conclude/To sum up/All in all/As stated above...

Homework 1 - ARTICLE

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Homework 2 - Writing Your Argument

Example 1:

I can easily find out what's on and where parties are.

Second, technology provides us/people with quicker access to information about social events.

Firstly, it is easier for people to connect with others through technology.

Example 2:

It's easy to connect with other people – wherever they live.

My sister spends far too much time chatting with friends on the phone!

I've got lots of 'friends' on social media – but they're not real friends.

"Music doesn't mean much to me; it's just noise in the background."

"Music is an international language which brings people together."

"Our country's
music speaks about
our history and
heritage."

"Music causes arguments;
no-one in my house wants
to listen to the same kind
of music."

Homework 3 - SUMMARY

- 11 Read the article about bonsai, which are trees usually grown in pots so they are very small in size.

Write a summary about how to care for bonsai.

Your summary should be about 80 words long (and no more than 90 words long). You should use your own words as far as possible.

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your summary, and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

Beautiful bonsai

My passion for growing bonsai trees started twenty years ago when I was studying in Japan. The family I was living with had a collection of tiny, old bonsai in pots that had been given to them by their grandparents. For the family, growing these plants was not just about caring for something precious – it was about creating something beautiful. Before long, I was a bonsai fan too!

My first bonsai wasn't a great success. To make a bonsai grow into an attractive shape, you need to cut the branches every year. I was a beginner though, so this first tree ended up quite ugly! I tried again and my second bonsai was much better, so I grew more. I made mistakes, of course. Like many people, I planted my bonsai in ordinary soil at first, but I soon realised it was better to add small stones to the soil. I also learned how to lift a bonsai out of its pot to cut its roots, which helps prevent it from becoming too big.

Once a bonsai has a shape you like, looking after them becomes more straightforward. Only water them when they're nearly dry, so it shouldn't take up too much time. Just remember to feed them once a month or so – this is now part of my regular routine, and seems to work well. Like many bonsai fans, I'm a member of my local bonsai society. That's where I learned how important it is to use good quality tools, for example. It's also where I've made many new friends who share my passion.

I'm happy with my trees now, although I have nearly lost one or two of them. Last December, one of my favourites almost died in the freezing temperatures. If you're going to grow bonsai outside, it's essential to protect them in the winter months. And you have to treat any diseases immediately, whatever the season. After twenty years, I wouldn't say I'm an expert, but I definitely know a lot more about bonsai now than I did before.

